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COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1907.

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## A NEGRO FIEND MEETS HIS FATE

JOHN GIBSON, WHO BRUTALLY  
ASSAULTED MRS. WIND-  
BOURNE, PAID PENAL-  
TY OF HIS CRIME.

Assault Occurred at the Windbourne  
Home in Pickens County, Ala.,  
on Tuesday, and Negro was  
Hanged Wednesday.

John Gibson, the negro who brutally assaulted Mrs. Edward Windbourne on her husband's plantation in Pickens county, Ala., last Tuesday, met the preordained fate of all such fiendish brutes on the following day, having been hanged to a tree and riddled with bullets by a posse of righteously indignant citizens. The crime for which Gibson paid the death penalty was committed at an early hour Tuesday morning. Mrs. Windbourne having been picking peas in the garden near her home when the negro rushed upon her, and after hitting her over the head with a pistol accomplished his purpose and left her lying insensible on the ground.

When Mrs. Windbourne regained consciousness she gave a description of the negro and this description fitted Gibson, who had formerly lived with his father about seven miles north of the Windbourne place, but who had been absent from the neighborhood for several years. Upon diligent inquiry it was ascertained that Gibson had recently returned and that he had been seen near the Windbourne home just before the assault was committed. Seizing upon this clue, a posse of citizens went to the home of the negro's father and found Gibson there. Gibson acknowledged his guilt, and it required only a few moments to string him up to a nearby tree. After the rope had been knotted around the negro's neck and had been drawn taut over the tree limb, the men composing the posse brought their revolvers into play, and the body of the black brute was literally riddled with bullets.

Mrs. Windbourne, the victim of the negro's fiendish act, is a member of a prominent Pickens county family. She is, as stated above, the wife of Mr. Edward Windbourne and is the sister of Messrs. Sam and Will Driver of this city. Both these gentlemen started for their sister's home in Pickens county as soon as they heard of the assault, but when they reached State Line it was learned that the negro had been captured and had paid the penalty of his crime, so they returned to Columbus without further pursuing their journey.

The Windbourne family is well known in Columbus, and the assault occasioned universal indignation among our citizens.

As an aftermath of the Windbourne assault, Charlie Harris, an uncle of the man who committed the outrage, was hanged near Aliceville, Ala., last Wednesday night. Harris was a negro of turbulent temperament, and after his nephew had been lynched exhibited a loaded gun and indulged in remarks calculated to arouse a revolt on the part of the negroes. The white citizens decided to quell the threatened insurrection in its incipency, and Harris was quietly put out of the way.

### The New Cotton Year.

Tomorrow inaugurates the cotton season of 1907-08, and cotton men in Columbus, as well as in other cities throughout the world, are actively engaged in making preparations to handle the new crop. The cotton season runs from September until September, but as the first of the month comes on Sunday this year active work will not begin until Monday, the first business day of the new cotton year. It is doubtful if the opening days of the new season will bring any extended activity in the market either here or elsewhere. On account of the unfavorable weather which prevailed during the planting season the crop is from two to three weeks late, and in addition to this fact the reigning prices are high, and brokers seem little inclined to buy. Few, if any, of the local buyers have contracts calling for early deliveries, and they seem disposed to hold off as long as possible, doubtless hoping that a break in the market will eventually come.

During the season of 1906-07 Columbus received 51,319 bales of cotton. According to the statement prepared by Mr. Sidney Blum, secre-

tary of the Columbus Cotton Exchange, the receipts for the year just closed were 12,130 bales in excess of those of the previous year, the total receipts for the season of 1905-06 having been 39,189 bales. Of course it is impossible to estimate the receipts for the coming season with any degree of accuracy, but it is safe to predict that they will not be as large as those of the previous year, as the crop is not nearly so good as that of last season.

While the crop is far below the average, its condition in the territory immediately surrounding Columbus is better than in many localities throughout the cotton belt, and with the high prices which promise to prevail throughout the season the farmers ought to receive nearly, if not quite, as much money as last year's crop brought.

There will, as usual, be quite a number of changes among the local firms who handle the fleecy staple. These changes were, however, mentioned in a recent issue of The Dispatch, so it is unnecessary to enumerate them at this time.

### Death of Mrs. Robt. Chapman.

The death of Mrs. Robt. Chapman, which occurred at her home in West Point last Wednesday, was a great shock to her numerous friends in this city. Mrs. Chapman, who was formerly the beautiful and attractive Miss Virginia Chapman, had been married only three months, and her death, coming as it did in the first flush of her young womanhood, removed her from life just when the earth seemed brightest. She was a lady of unusual charms, and possessing the love of a devoted husband and the admiration of numerous friends was entering upon a life that promised to be prolific of happiness and contentment. She was stricken with typhoid fever two weeks ago, and after a short but exceedingly painful illness succumbed to the ravages of the malady.

Mrs. Chapman was a sister of Mr. Felix M. Chapman, of this city, while another brother, Mr. Edward Chapman, lives in Mayhew, and she was also closely related to the members of Col. E. W. Garth's family. The body was interred in Greenwood cemetery at West Point Wednesday afternoon, the funeral having been attended by many friends and relatives from a distance.

### Columbians Win From Leaders.

The Columbians won a game from the leaders in Mobile last Thursday, having divided a double header with McCay's bunch. The first game was won by a score of two to one by Mobile, while in the second game the visitors were victorious, the score having been reversed and having stood two to one in their favor. Phillips, a new recruit, pitched the first game for Columbus, while May was in the box in the second contest, and twirled most effectively, having yielded only three safe hits.

Another double header was played in Gulfport yesterday, and again honors were divided, Columbus having won the first game by a score of five to one, while the second went to Gulfport by a score of four to three. Bishop pitched the first game for Columbus, while in the second game Wheeler was the slabman.

On account of the telegraphers' strike it was impossible to obtain the result of Saturday's game in time for publication in today's issue.

The Columbians begin their farewell engagement on home grounds Tuesday, when they open a two-game series with Meridian. They remain here ten days, then go to Vicksburg and thence to Jackson, where they close the season on September 18th.

### Mr. L. D. Booth Dead.

Mr. L. D. Booth, the venerable father of Mr. A. W. Booth, of this city, died at Greenwood Springs last Friday night. Deceased was about sixty five years old, an leaves a widow, three sons and three daughters to mourn his loss. The funeral occurred at Hamilton, Miss., at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Mr. Booth, the son of the dead man, is a member of the drug firm of Lide & Booth, and has many friends here who sincerely sympathize with him in the loss of his father.

Mr. M. Dandelake has returned to the city from Castalian Springs, where he went to take his little son, James, in the hope that a stay at the springs would improve the little fellow's health. He left him with his sister-in-law, Miss Blum.

## POSTAL MANAGER IS CHECKED OUT

MR. M. H. YERBY, LOCAL MAN-  
AGER FOR POSTAL TELE-  
GRAPH COMPANY, HAS  
BEEN LET OUT.

Both the Postal and Western Union  
Offices Here Are Closed, and  
There is Little Likelihood  
They will Open Soon.

Local conditions in the telegraph strike assumed a new phase Thursday, when Mr. M. H. Yerby, who for several years past has represented the Postal Telegraph Company here, was relieved from duty. No messages have been received at or sent from the local office of the Postal since August 10th, on which date the general strike of commercial telegraphers went into effect. Mr. Yerby, however, was in nominal charge of the office until last Thursday, when Mr. W. F. Pope, an employee of the Memphis office of the company, came here and after checking out the manager locked and bolted the office, which will remain closed until the strike is ended or until a non-union man can be induced to come here and act as local manager.

Mr. Yerby is not at all disgruntled at being relieved from duty as local manager for the Postal, as he has already accepted a more lucrative position as operator at the brokerage office of Messrs. W. F. Leigh & Company. It was stated some time since that the brokerage operators, who have been working continuously throughout the strike, would probably be ordered out, but the order has never been promulgated, and the men are still at their keys.

While the local office of the Western Union has been closed practically ever since the strike was inaugurated, Miss Maria Smith, the manager, has never been checked out, and is nominally in charge of the office. Mr. John Butler, who was employed as Miss Smith's assistant, has accepted a temporary position in the train dispatcher's office in the Southern Railway yards. The railway telegraphers, like the brokerage operators, are still at work, and the railway service has not been affected by the strike.

As far as commercial telegraphic service is concerned, Columbus might as well be off the map. As stated above, the local offices of both the Postal and Western Union have been closed for several weeks, and as far as can be learned no effort is being made to reopen them. Non-union operators have been sent to Hattiesburg, Holly Springs and other towns and cities in the State possessing no more commercial importance than Columbus, but local wires lie dormant, and the only means of communication with the outside world are the long distance telephones and the United States mails.

### The Fireworks Begin.

Oxford, Miss., Aug. 28.—The new chancellor, A. A. Kincannon, of the State University, has created much adverse comment by the summary dismissal of Miss Enla Deaton, for some time past in charge of the girls' dormitory.

No reason, it is alleged, was assigned for the act, nor does it appear that the board of trustees was consulted in the matter, though some of them will probably be heard from, as Miss Deaton is very popular with the board and has many strong friends throughout the State.

There has never been the faintest reflection on Miss Deaton or on her department, and her dismissal without assigned cause has brought up considerable discussion. It is understood that Governor Vardaman will, at an early date, call a meeting of the board, of which he is president, to confer over the matter.

Mr. H. E. Savelly, a soil expert in the employ of the United States government, who was formerly stationed in Greenville, has been transferred to this city, and will at an early date open an office here. It will be Mr. Savelly's duty to examine the soils in the territory contiguous to Columbus and to make reports showing the products to which the different soils are best adapted.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks McGowan, after a pleasant visit to the family of Mr. A. H. Pegues in Verona, have returned to their home in this city.

## EAGLE TAKES A STEALTHY FLIGHT

A. P. HILL, CLAIMING TO REPRESENT  
EAGLES, COLLECTED  
LARGE SUM OF MONEY  
AND THEN LIT OUT.

Several Local Citizens of Credulous  
Nature Who Gave Him Money  
Are Now Mourning His  
Premature Departure.

A. P. Hill, who came here several weeks ago claiming to be an organizer for the Fraternal Order of Eagles, has skipped out and several citizens are mourning his departure. Incidentally they are mourning the loss of some hard earned coin which they gave the pseudo-organizer as part payment on initiation fees. The order of Eagles is not represented here, and Hill's claim was that he had been sent here to organize a local lodge and that the lodge would be installed as soon as the requisite number of charter members were secured. Fifty members were required, he said, and the initiation fee was to be only \$7.50. Hill said that he had been instructed to collect one-third of the initiation fee in advance, and he succeeded in obtaining \$2.50 each from quite a number of young men who desired to become Eagles. The names of all of the men whom he deceived could not be learned, but among the number were R. G. Higgins, Jr., M. E. Taylor and R. Meyer.

Hill left here more than a week ago, saying that he was going away on a short trip, but would be back within a few days. He has not shown up, however, and the men who were indiscreet enough to trust him have given up all hope of recovering their money. They are much surprised at the way in which the fellow acted, as he is a young man of good address and created a favorable impression upon all with whom he came in contact. Until he skipped out no one thought of doubting his honesty, but since he left it transpires that in addition to having secured money under false pretenses for the embryo lodge, he negotiated several private loans which he neglected to repay.

### Brelaud-Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gardner announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lattie, to Mr. Walter Brelaud, which happy event will be solemnized at their home, No. 1224 North Third avenue, at nine o'clock next Wednesday evening. The ceremony will be witnessed only by the relatives and a few intimate friends of the contracting parties, and at its conclusion the newly married couple will leave for Chattanooga, where their honeymoon will be spent.

The prospective bride is, as stated above, the daughter of Mr. J. W. Gardner, who is prominent in local business and political circles, and is an attractive and exceedingly gracious young lady. Mr. Brelaud, who is a bookkeeper in the office of the Columbus Brick Company, is a young man of sterling worth, and enjoys the esteem and confidence of all who know him. The Dispatch joins the numerous friends of the young couple in extending in advance congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy married life.

### Soldiers Are Appreciative.

Natchez, Miss., Aug. 19, 1907. To the Citizens of Columbus: At the request of the members of the Quitman Rifles, Company "C," Third Regiment, of Natchez, whom I have the honor to command, I take this method of expressing to you and especially to the ladies of your good city our profound gratitude for the many attentions and courtesies that were shown us during our stay with you. There was not a man in my command who did not express regret at the necessity of leaving, and the word Columbus will go down in the history of our company as synonymous with friendship and hospitality. Again thanking you, I beg to remain, Yours sincerely,

(Signed) A. H. Patterson,  
Commanding Company "C," Third  
Mississippi Regiment, M. N. G.

Misses Lucile and Beatrice Richards, who for several days past have been the guests of Miss Pauline Propst on South Seventh street, returned to their home in Millport on yesterday.

### Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers have been recorded in the office of the chancery clerk during the past thirty days:

Mrs. Mary E. Rogers to Joseph H. Vaughan: An undivided one-fourth interest in forty acres of land in section 26, township 16, range 18, west; consideration, \$15.00.

Mrs. Annie Vaughan to J. H. Vaughan: An undivided one-fourth interest in forty acres of land in section 26, township 16, range 18, west; consideration, \$10.00.

C. F. Sherrod to City of Columbus: Parcel of land near Southern Railway track, to be used as source of gravel supply; consideration, \$500.

W. L. Ellis to Mrs. Amy Walston: Lot in town of Artesia; consideration, \$600; and two notes, amount of notes not given.

Miss Nettie Ezell to Mrs. Minnie J. Rehtin: Two lots described in deed; consideration, \$450.

Stinson & Cox to Hal Connor: Lot 3 in block Q, Cox's subdivision of the Swearington estate, city of Columbus; consideration, \$85.00.

J. N. Ellis, L. B. Ellis and Bessie Russell to A. L. Myers: Parcel of land in section 9, township 16, range 17, west; consideration, \$200.

Early Groves and wife to R. G. Groves: Eighty acres of land in section 10, township 16, range 17, west; consideration, \$1,800.

Walter Weaver and P. W. Maer to Mrs. C. W. Buffington: Lot in block 7, Topp's addition, city of Columbus; consideration, \$150.

Mrs. Eva McDaniel to Mrs. M. R. Fant: Lot in square 88, north of Main street, city of Columbus; consideration, \$2,900.

H. F. Simrall to Mattie Buchanan: Lot 5 in square 23, Fishermen's addition, city of Columbus; consideration, \$75.00.

Jno. P. Tennison to Mrs. M. B. Tate: Lots 7 and 8 in block 12, Williams' addition, city of Columbus; consideration, \$550.

### Church Contract Awarded.

At a meeting of the building committee of the First Baptist church which was held last Friday the contract for the construction of the handsome new edifice which the congregation is to erect on North Seventh street was awarded to Mr. D. S. McClanahan. No specific sum is mentioned in the contract, it being stipulated that the committee is to purchase and pay for all material and that Mr. McClanahan is to receive a commission on the amount expended for superintending the work. The foundation has already been completed, and work on the superstructure is to begin at an early date, and will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. While no price is stipulated in the contract for the erection of the building, it is estimated that the edifice, when completed, will have cost between thirty and forty thousand dollars.

### Fatal Affray at Money.

Greenwood, Miss., Aug. 20.—Jas. Money, Jr., was instantly killed and Jas. Money, Sr., mortally wounded at Money, Miss., today. The details of the terrible tragedy have not reached here, but it seems that it was the outcome of the killing of L. J. Henderson by James Money, Jr., some months ago. Dr. Grover Kirby, who did the shooting today, is the brother of Mrs. Henderson, the widow.

The tragedy occurred at 4 o'clock, the participants standing on the front steps of their places of business, which adjoin.

Nothing is known as to how the trouble started, but reports are that Kirby was too quick for the Moneys, and with a rapid-fire gun fired four or five shots without the Moneys being able to reply.

James Money, Jr., was instantly killed at the first fire, and his father, seizing a rifle, rushed to his rescue and as soon as he appeared on the gallery Kirby got the drop, mortally wounding Mr. Money.

He is being brought to the King's Daughters' Hospital here, and the body of young Money is also en route here. Justice D. P. Montgomery will hold an inquest.

Young Kirby has not finished his college course, and was helping about the office of Dr. Hamilton.

Mr. G. F. Brown and wife and Mr. Chas. Brown and wife, accompanied by Miss Ida Marks, returned on last Friday from a visit to the Jamestown exposition and the Virginia beach resorts.

## NOEL WILL BE GIVEN OVATION

CITIZENS OF HOLMES COUNTY  
WILL CELEBRATE NOMINA-  
TION OF HER SON AS  
NEXT GOVERNOR.

Celebration Will Take Place Thurs-  
day, September 12th, and Day  
Will be Devoted to Feast-  
ing and Merry Making.

The citizens of Holmes county are naturally very much elated over the fact that the county's favorite son, Hon. E. F. Noel, is to be the next governor of Mississippi, and to show their appreciation of the honor conferred upon Mr. Noel and upon the county they are going to celebrate the event in royal style on Thursday, September 12th. The celebration will occur in Lexington, Mr. Noel's home town, and the people of Mississippi have been extended a cordial invitation to be present.

A meeting of the citizens of Holmes county was held at Lexington last Monday, at which time many patriotic addresses were made by prominent local citizens congratulating the people of Holmes county and the State at large upon having elected such a competent and conscientious man as Mr. Noel as their chief executive. Committees to make arrangements for the celebration were appointed, and the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, our beloved county bears the name of the first governor of the State of Mississippi, and has since the year 1833 helped to elect every Democratic governor who has presided as chief executive of Mississippi, without having enjoyed the privilege and honor of having furnished a governor for the State of Mississippi during all of the years of her history; and,

"Whereas, our beloved and distinguished fellow citizen, Hon. E. F. Noel, has, after one of the most memorable campaigns that has ever been witnessed in the great State of Mississippi, been chosen as our next governor by the people of Mississippi; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we, the citizens of Holmes county, in mass meeting assembled, extend hearty greetings to the entire State of Mississippi and do now express to them the profound thanks and the appreciation of all the citizens of Holmes county to all the citizens of the State of Mississippi for the great honor they have conferred upon Holmes county's most distinguished and favorite son, and extend to all the people of the State a most hearty invitation to assemble at Lexington on Thursday, September 12th, 1907, from twelve noon until four p. m. and eight p. m. to twelve o'clock, and join hands with us in celebrating the nomination of Hon. E. F. Noel as governor of the State of Mississippi.

"The committee on arrangements have obtained the use of the beautiful ante-bellum residence, Terrystone, and grounds, situated near the public square, as the place for holding the reception, where music, feasting, friendly greeting, dancing, speaking and athletic games will be the order of the day and evening, and where all Mississippi is invited and expected to be present. All communications and inquiries addressed to Committee on Arrangements will receive prompt, careful and courteous attention."

### Tribute of Respect.

Whereas, God in His wisdom has seen fit to take from us our beloved sovereign, T. L. Dagbelle; we, the members of Queen City Camp No. 23, Woodmen of the World, feel that in his demise we have lost a consistent friend, a faithful member of our organization, and a good citizen. However, we humbly bow to the will of "Him who giveth and who taketh away." Therefore be it

Resolved, That we set aside a page in our minutes, same to be dedicated to his memory; that a copy of these resolutions be sent the bereaved family, also be published in the local papers.

S. L. Caine,  
Geo. Page,  
W. R. Smith,  
Committee.

Mr. J. H. Redus has returned to his work at Kaufman Brothers after a vacation of several weeks spent with relatives and friends in different points in Alabama.